

artsnews

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New Public Art Projects

We haven't written much about "public art" lately because, well... there haven't really been any new works to write about. Now all of a sudden, there are three. Actually though, it's not "all of a sudden." The City's public art program is connected to the City's capital improvement program (1% of the construction budget of municipal construction projects such as buildings or parks is allocated for the public art component), and because these big construction projects are so complex, the timetables are often hard to gauge.

During 2006, three new parks are scheduled to open in Carlsbad, and there are terrific public art elements in each of the parks. San Diego-based artists Richard Keely and Anna O'Cain produced a variety of exciting and engaging works for Aviara Community Park, which opened to rave reviews on February 4th. And on April 29th, Hidden Canyon Community Park opens, with a beautifully sited and elegant entryway work created by Los Angeles-based artist Sylvia Tidwell. And later this summer, watch for details of the opening of Pine Avenue Park, where Kim Emerson's large-scaled, mosaic flowers will make grand additions to Carlsbad's public art collection.



Clockwise from the top: one half of Sylvia Tidwell's piece for Hidden Canyon Community Park; Anna O'Cain and Richard Keely with one of their works at Aviara Community Park; another O'Cain and Keely work at Aviara



From the Arts Office

Ben Who? A Correction

In our March/April issue, we incorrectly identified the young man whose picture is below as Ben Heller. We have no idea how we got his last name wrong... maybe we thought since he's such a talented writer, he was related to Joseph Heller. Who's writing this newsletter anyway? His real name is Ben Kelly.

Thanks

Our thanks go to Leslie Powell Ramirez for so ably carrying out our arts education programs and activities while our Community Arts Coordinator Tonya Rodzach was out on leave. Leslie did an amazing job on a number of different projects, including the preparation of the summer arts camp brochure and schedule. Many thanks, Leslie.

An Addition

So where was Tonya? She was hanging out with her new daughter, Ruby Sara Stiles, born on December 20, 2005, at 7 pounds 14 ounces, and 19 1/2 inches long. Ruby has already visited the Arts Office, seems to be a very happy baby, and has indicated she can't wait to participate in the Family Open Studios and Three-Part-Art programs.

Another Addition

To the newsletter, that is. From time to time, and when space permits, we thought you might like learning more about some of the "behind the scenes" people that we work with. So with summer and the TGIF Jazz concerts fast approaching, we thought we'd profile...

Rob Hagey: Our Go-To Guy for Great Jazz

The TGIF crowd doesn't expect – or want – to see Social Distortion, Poison or The Killers at a Carlsbad jazz concert. But the same person who books the great bands you listen and dance to every summer in Carlsbad's parks hired all those acts last year – for Street Scene, California's largest music festival (which will be held at Qualcomm Stadium this year on August 4 and 5). Except for a few years in the early 90s, Rob has been our TGIF concert producer.

A lifelong lover of jazz, Rob grew up in La Jolla as the eldest of eight children and graduated from UC/Berkeley's diverse and creative Special Theatre program with an enviable skill set for a budding impresario. He wasted no time, founding the San Diego Jazz Festival, partnering on the Kool Jazz Festivals, and presenting Four O'Clock Fridays at the Del Mar Racetrack. Rob's events became the Holy Grail of performance bookings for every band in San Diego County. With Street Scene, his gifts for talent blending and festival building went global.

For the TGIF concerts here in Carlsbad, Rob tracks audience growth, taste shifts, and differing needs at each park setting, then researches dozens of groups and styles to create The Perfect Season. And two or three nights each summer, he manages to join the Arts staff backstage to enjoy the results – a tall, smiling man with a teen or two in tow and an eye on the bandstand. When he's not putting together music festivals, he enjoys swimming, biking up Mount Soledad, walking his two dogs at Fiesta Island, and watching the *Sopranos*.

Clockwise from top left:
Ben Kelly; Rob Hagey with
Kermit Ruffins and Colleen
Finnegan at the August 25,
2005 TGIF Jazz concert;
Ruby Sara Stiles and Lambie



Asking for Eyes Artistic Creativity of Southeast Africa

Asking for Eyes: The Visual Voice of Southeast Africa, featuring the splendid collection of the Escondido-based SANA Art Foundation, continues on display in the Cannon Art Gallery through July 9. More than 100 objects made by indigenous peoples now inhabiting the areas throughout Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa are featured in the exhibition. Artwork includes exquisitely carved Zulu walking sticks, intricately beaded Ndebele fertility dolls, full-sized Xhosa costumes, fringed skirts and marriage belts, clay beer pots, oversized earplugs, elaborate church hats, petite Nguni puppets, animal-shaped Tsonga snuff containers, and ceramic sculptures by contemporary artists.

This exhibition is adapted from one originally organized by Dr. Teri Sowell, professor of African and Oceanic Art at San Diego State University, with a select group of students from her Curatorial Practices Seminar. It was first presented in the Main Art Gallery at SDSU in the Fall of 2004. Hosting an exhibition that has already been featured elsewhere in San Diego County is not normally part of the Gallery's exhibition strategy – for a variety

of reasons. But all too often, university galleries are not easily accessible, and the exhibitions are generally open only a few weeks. San Diego State's Gallery is no exception. And so when Dr. Sowell called me in the Fall of 2004 with the suggestion to bring the exhibition to Carlsbad after its run at SDSU, we went for it, feeling that a show of this superb quality deserved to reach a larger audience -- and would -- at the Cannon Art Gallery.

A special interest of the Gallery – and of our audiences, we believe – is the varied and fascinating world of folk art. We think you'll agree that this exhibition matches the quality and energy of our past folk art exhibitions such as *Let It Shine: Improvisations in African-American Star Quilts* and *Beasts & Bones: The Cartoneria of the Linares Family* to name just two.

It is with great pleasure then that we are able to bring this exhibition to the Cannon Art Gallery and keep it on display for 11 weeks. During the course of the exhibition, more than 2000 children, parents and teachers will be participating in the Gallery's Three-Part-Art education

program. And additional programming such as Family Open Studios on May 20 and Folk Life Day on June 3 will help expose even more audiences to the wonderful objects in this exhibition.

Finally, I would like to thank Edward and Wilhelmina (Mina) Smith of the SANA Art Foundation for their generous loans to the exhibition. *Asking for Eyes* could not have taken place without their support and encouragement. Our thanks to them for sharing this extraordinary collection with us.

Karen McGuire, Curator

Folk Life Day: June 3

Join us on Saturday, June 3, from 11am to 3pm, for Folk Life Day, a celebration of the creativity of different peoples of Africa. Folk Life Day offers multiple arts activities, with hands-on projects and an array of traditional African performances and demonstrations. Art-making activities may include a beading project, a Zulu walking stick and shield, an Ndebele Wall mural, and South African dolls. Also featured at this year's Folk Life Day will be local Ghana musician, Akayaa Atule, and her group, Bolga Zohdoomah (Friends of Bolga), as well as an African Drum Circle and the Boman Dance Group. The event takes place in the Carlsbad City (Dove) Library Courtyard and all activities and materials (except food) are FREE. No reservations required. For more information about art projects and entertainment schedule, please call the gallery at 602-2021.

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Zulu wedding cape, 20th c.

Time to Volunteer

The May-June issue of the newsletter can only mean one thing for the Friends of the Arts -- it's time to get ready for the TGIF Jazz concerts. Actually, they've been getting ready since early February, working with local businesses and companies to gather prizes for the Opportunity Drawings. The Opportunity Drawings -- which have clearly become an integral part of the whole TGIF evening's excitement and experience -- are the primary vehicle for the Friends to raise funds, which they then donate to the Arts Office. The Arts Office in turn uses those funds to help produce the TGIF Jazz concerts! And a number of other programs such as the Gallery's Three-Part-Art educational program for third-graders, the Multicultural Arts Festival, opening receptions for new Gallery exhibitions, and much more. (So, BUY those tickets! Oops, a little editorial comment slipped in there...)

A big part of the "getting ready" for TGIF Jazz is gathering the army of volunteers it takes to sell all those tickets, sign up new Friends members, and to work the Friends table selling various products (which this year will include Robert Rochin's "very cool" and wonderfully functional stainless steel wineglass holders, great blankets with one side insulated to put on the ground, portable coolers, and of course, the new TGIF tee-shirt). So, join in the fun and VOLUNTEER. (Now that editorial comment IS intended!) Call the Friends at 760-434-2903 and leave your name and number (slowly and clearly, please) and someone will get back to you quickly. There are plenty of "jobs" and surely one that will fit your preference. We realize that not everyone is brave enough (crazy enough?) to go into the crowd and sell the opportunity drawing tickets!

Call 434-2903 to volunteer. It's fun, and it's a good cause.

An Invitation

Want to learn more about the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts and its Board? Then please join us on Thursday, May 18, from 5:30 -- 7:30pm in the Sculpture Garden at the Arts Office for an informal gathering of Board members and friends. There will be light refreshments, a beautiful sunset (we can't exactly guarantee that), and good conversation about the Friends and the arts in Carlsbad (which we can guarantee). It will also be one of your final chances to see the stunning show of Kenneth Capps' work in the Sculpture Garden, before it ends in June. Reservations not required, but it would be nice to know if you're coming: leave a message at 434-2903 if you can.

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Clockwise from above: Friends of the Arts Board members and volunteers at TGIF: l-r are Alan Marblestone, Carol Calvert, Eva Marshall, Sherman DeForest, Naomi Marblestone, Sandy Guendert, Carolyn Taylor, Elle Schubert, Elizabeth Laister; Doug Clark presenting a lucky Opportunity Drawing winner with two tickets from Alaska Airlines at the final TGIF concert of the season; CFA Board member T. J. Stroben

May 5-7 FRIDAY — SUNDAY

Carlsbad Music Festival Schulman Auditorium

Cutting-edge, world-class musicians (several with roots in Carlsbad) perform fresh and compelling music in concert:

Friday, May 5, 7:30pm NOW Ensemble's West Coast debut includes a new piece by Festival Director Matt McBane

Saturday, May 6, 7:30pm Calder Quartet program includes Shostakovich, Ravel and a new piece by Ryan Carter, the Festival's first Composers Competition Winner

Sunday, May 7, 2:30pm The Ensemble, a 20-piece sinfonietta, concludes with a courtyard-sited performance of Terry Riley's classic *In C*.

Each program features a **Composer's Conversation 1 hour before the concert.** Our congratulations also go to McBane and Carter who received Creative Connections grants from the nationally renowned Meet The Composer Foundation. For more info and to purchase tickets, visit www.carlsbadmusicfestival.org or call 760-809-5501.

May 6 SATURDAY

Opera Previews

Ron Shaheen concludes this season of opera lectures with his multi-media presentation on *The Magic Flute*. The program starts at 10 am; ticket distribution begins at 9:15 and seating is limited. Schulman Auditorium. Free.

May 13 SATURDAY

Vocal Competition

Carlsbad rises an octave or two in the operatic world on Saturday, May 13, when the *Carlsbad to Karlovy Vary* Vocal Competition takes place in the Schulman Auditorium. Singers aged 18 to 32 from Southern California will be reviewed by three nationally acclaimed jurors. The winner of the First Place Award, which is sponsored by Edward Jones Investments, will represent Carlsbad at the

International Dvorák Competition in Karlovy Vary (one of our sister cities), in fall 2006. The Judges Panel is a group of distinguished opera professionals including Jim Svejda, famed host of the radio program *The Record Shelf* on Classical KUSC; Professor Carol Plantamura, an Instructor in Vocal Performance at UCSD as well as an accomplished singer and author; and Elliot Palay, retired international opera singer, Carlsbad resident, and a guiding force and mentor for this project. Attendance is FREE; come and go as you please.

Round One Opening competition with each contestant singing two arias:
11am — 4pm

Round Two The finals, with contestants performing new selections: 7 — 9pm

Award Announcements 9 — 10pm

May 14 & 17 SUN & WED

Opera Caravan

Travel trouble-free by chartered coach to San Diego Opera's performance of *The Magic Flute*. The bus leaves Dove Library at 12:30 on Sunday and 5:30 on Wednesday. \$18 per person — does not include opera ticket. For more information and bus and/or opera tickets, call SDO rep Chase Thompson at 619/533-7047.

May 20 SATURDAY

Family Open Studio

A free art-making workshop for the whole family takes place in the Dove Library courtyard from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, May 20. After you visit the *Asking for Eyes* exhibition in the Gallery, our professional artist/instructors will assist you and your family in a related art activity. All materials and workspace are provided. No reservations are needed and participants may arrive and depart at will. Suitable for all ages. Free — and lots of fun.

June 3 SATURDAY

Folk Life Day

See page 3 for more details.

June 23 FRIDAY

First Concert: TGIF Jazz in the Parks

Every Friday night through August 25

Various Carlsbad Parks, 6 — 8 pm • Free

The bands aren't booked yet, but the locations are. Here's the schedule of parks for our 21st season. So mark your calendars, call your friends, make sure the low-back chairs are still in good condition — you know the drill.

Summer means TGIF Jazz here in Carlsbad.

Watch for more details at

www.carlsbadca.gov/arts after May 12.

June 23, 30; July 7, 14	Stagecoach Park
July 21, 28	Poinsettia Park
August 4, 11, 18, 25	Calavera Hills Park

Continuing....

Summer Arts Camps Registration

Registration is now underway for the Arts Office's acclaimed (we're proud to say) Summer Arts Camp programs including Creative Arts Camp, Band Camp, and the very popular Club Pelican. Brochures with application forms are available in the Libraries and Arts Office or on line at www.carlsbadca.gov/arts under "Current Programs & Events."



CommunityCalendar

Music

Trummerflora an evening of music as part of the collective's 5th annual Festival of Creative Music, Dance & Art; Museum of Making Music; May 5, 6pm; 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. \$10. 438-5996, x212.

San Diego Saxs Museum of Making Music; May 6, 1pm; 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Free. 438-5996, x212.

President's Concert & 60th Anniversary Celebration performing arts alumni join the Palomar Symphony in performances celebrating the school's 60th Anniversary; Howard Brubeck Theatre; May 6, 8pm & May 7, 2pm; 1140 W. Mission Rd, San Marcos. \$12 general, \$10 seniors/staff, \$8 students.

People's Choice Concert MiraCosta College Theatre; May 11 & 12, 7:30pm; One Barnard Dr, Oceanside. \$10 general, \$8 seniors/staff, \$6 students. 795-6815.

Ladies' Night Out Palomar College Women's Chorus, Palomar College Performance Lab (Room D-10); May 11, 8pm; 1140 W. Mission Rd, San Marcos. \$5 at the door.

Bring It On! The North Coast Chorale and Chamber Chorale, MiraCosta College Theatre; May 13, 7:30pm & May 14, 2pm; One Barnard Dr, Oceanside. \$10 general, \$8 seniors/staff, \$6 students. 795-6815.



Calder Quartet • Carlsbad Music Festival

Palomar Jazz Ensembles an evening of Big Band jazz featuring Palomar's Four O'Clock and Seven O'Clock Ensembles, Howard Brubeck Theatre; May 15, 8pm; 1140 W. Mission Rd, San Marcos. \$12 general, \$10 seniors/staff, \$8 students.

Velvet Circus Palomar Concert Band, Howard Brubeck Theatre; May 18, 8pm; 1140 W. Mission Rd, San Marcos. \$12 general, \$10 seniors/staff, \$8 students.

Mozart: Past, Present & Potential as part of Mainly Mozart's celebration of W.A. Mozart's 250th birthday, the Museum presents an evolutionary look at the composer's music in a three-part performance utilizing classical period instruments, modern instruments, and live digitally created visual interpretations. Museum of Making Music; May 20, call for time; 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. \$12 general, \$10 members. 438-5996, x212.

Solo Time featuring musicians from MCC orchestra and local community, MiraCosta College Theatre; May 20, 7:30pm & May 21, 2pm; One Barnard Dr, Oceanside. \$10 general, \$8 seniors/staff, \$6 students. 795-6815.



Rosemary Watson

Movie Magic - A Tribute to the Silver Screen Coastal Communities Concert Band; May 21, 2pm; Carlsbad Community Church, 3175 Harding St, Carlsbad. Tickets, info: 436-6137.

Concert Performance Pacific Coast Concert Band; June 8, 7pm; Oceanside Lincoln Middle School, 2000 California St, Oceanside. Free. 390-2990.

Evening of Note - Annual Fundraiser Museum of Making Music; Jun 10, 6pm; 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Tickets, info: 438-5996, x212.

Encinitas Pops Concert Coastal Communities Concert Band; June 25, 2pm; Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr, Encinitas. Tickets, info: 436-6137.

Carlsbad City Library Summer Concert Series featuring vocalist Rosemary Watson, a contemporary vocalist performing jazz, pop, and show tunes; Jun 25, 2pm; Schulman Auditorium; Free. 602-2012.



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Theater

Nocturne New Village Arts Theatre; Opens May 6, (Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm); Studio Space, Jazzercise Inc, 2460 Impala Drive, Carlsbad. \$20 general, \$18 senior/student/military, \$15 groups of 6 or more. 433-3245.

The Pavilion Carlsbad Playreaders; May 22, 7:30pm; Schulman Auditorium. \$5 general, \$1 student donation requested. 602-2012.

No Way to Treat a Lady North Coast Repertory Theatre; June 4-Jul 3 (Thurs-Sun); 987D Lomas Santa Fe, Solana Beach. Times, tickets: 858-481-1055.

Seussical The Musical Moonlight Amphitheatre, Jun 28-Jul 9 (Wed-Sun 8pm); Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace, Vista. Tickets, info: 724-2110.

Dance

Dance Break 2006 MiraCosta College Theatre; May 5-7 (Fri & Sat 5:30pm; Sat & Sun 2pm); One Barnard Dr, Oceanside. \$10 general, \$8 seniors/staff, \$6 students. 795-6815.

Faculty Dance Concert Palomar Performing Arts Department; May 12 & 13, 8pm & May 14, 2pm; Howard Brubeck Theatre, 1140 W. Mission Rd, San Marcos. \$12 general, \$10 seniors/staff, \$8 students.

Literary Arts

Magee Park Poets poetry reading featuring poet Sam Hamod; Georgina Cole Library Community Room, 1250 Carlsbad Village Dr; May 10, 7pm. Free. 602-2026.

Magee Park Poets poetry reading featuring poet Sylvia Levinson; Georgina Cole Library Community Room, 1250 Carlsbad Village Dr; Jun 7, 7pm. Free. 602-2026.

Visual Arts

Through a Lens Sharply: Photo Imaginings works by Amy Jorgensen, Barbara Sexton, and Marcela Villasenor; Oceanside Museum of Art; April 9 – May 28; Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm; 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 721-2787 or www.oma-online.org

Sargent Art Group Exhibition Encinitas Civic Center Art Gallery, May 1-25 (Mon-Fri 7am-6pm); 505 Vulcan Ave, Encinitas; Free. 840-9003.

Dreams & Visions all media student art show; Kruglak Gallery, MiraCosta College; May 2-16; One Barnard Dr, Oceanside. Free. Call for gallery times. 795-6815.

Howe-Orme Exhibit Opening Museum of Making Music; May 13; 5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad. Call for exhibit times & fees. 438-5996, x212.

Film

Carlsbad City Library Film Series Schulman Auditorium, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. In May, movies about people and events in Africa will be presented to complement the exhibition *Asking for Eyes* in the Cannon Art Gallery. The Gallery will remain open until films begin.

May 17 *Hotel Rwanda*

May 24 *The Gods Must Be Crazy*

May 31 *A World Apart*

June 14 *Beyond the Sea*

June 21 *The Producers*

June 28 *Rent*

Pre-film discussion begins at 5:30pm; film at 6pm. Free. 602-2026.

Recommended

Therman Staton: Through the Looking Glass CA Center for the Arts/Museum; through July 4 (Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 12-4pm); 340 N. Escondido Blvd, Escondido. General \$5, seniors/military \$4, students \$3. Info: www.artcenter.org/museum

Timeless Glass – From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly Mingei International Museum – North County; through July 31 (Tues-Sat 1-4pm); 155 West Grand Ave, Escondido. Adults \$6, students \$3. 735-3355.

Note: all phone numbers 760 area code, unless indicated



Fran Gerke, New Village Arts, *Hamlet*



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Useful Information

The Cultural Arts Office and the Sculpture Garden are located at 2955 Elmwood, just a few steps north of the Cole Library.

Mailing address: 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: (760) 434-2920
Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am–5pm

The William D. Cannon Art Gallery and the Schulman Auditorium are located in the Carlsbad City Library complex at 1775 Dove Lane (just north of Aviara Parkway off El Camino Real).

Gallery hours:
Tuesday–Saturday 11am–5pm
Sunday 1pm–5pm
Phone: (760) 602-2021

For up-to-date information about Arts Office programs, call the Arts Info Line: (760) 434-2904 or check us out on the City's website: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

Save the Dates

Friday, August 11

New Village Arts' 2006 Shakespeare in the Park season of free performances opens featuring Francis Gercke in *Hamlet*.

Sunday, August 13

San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops comes to the Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park for a 7:30pm concert of *Groovin' Down with Motown*. Tickets at VisTix Ticket Office, 651 East Vista Way, or call 724-2110. More info at www.moonlightsummerpops.com

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